

FACT SHEET



WELCOME TO THE KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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This is *your* library. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) provides resources for K-12 students, librarians, and educators, college and university faculty, and adult education educators and learners. KYVL supports the lifelong learning for all Kentuckians.

The Kentucky Virtual Library offers you

- Electronic Databases (28,000+ full-text Resources)
- Library catalogs
- Self Paced *How to Do Research* tutorial
- Digitized Kentucky historical materials
- Virtual Reference Desk
- Kentucky Stats
- KYVL for Kids

KYVL offers a convenient access point for your information needs. We are constantly adding resources and improving our Web site to offer you the best online information resources available.

Electronic Databases – Through over 40 indexing, abstracting, and full-text database, you an access more than 7,000 journal and magazines. KYVL offers something for everyone, with free access from your home, school or local public library. Non-student users may access all KYVL resources by obtaining a user ID and password from any public library. KYVU students may obtain access information from their home institution libraries.

Databases available through KYVL include, but are not limited to:

- **Academic Search Premier** – general reference, social sciences, humanities, general sciences, education, computer science, engineering, languages, medical sciences, and multi-cultural studies
- **Biography Reference Bank**- biographical information on many individuals from antiquity to present.
- **Business Source Premier**- general business management, economics, finance, accounting, and international business
- **CINAHL**- nursing, biomedicine, health science, librarianship, consumer health, and 17 allied health disciplines
- **ERIC**- access to published and unpublished sources on thousands of educational topics
- **Novelist**- readers' advisory resource that assists fiction readers in finding new authors and titles
- **Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia**- background articles for research, maps, tables, special reports and multimedia
- **Professional Development Collection**- all aspects of education, psychology, and library sciences
- **ProQuest Computing**- software, hardware, e-commerce, Web site development, intranets and extranets, systems design, databases, and technology management – also contains thousands of product reviews
- **PsychINFO**- psychology, sociology, social work, education, and other behavioral sciences

Library Catalogs – The electronic catalogs will tell you which Kentucky libraries own the material you need.

Delivery of Library Materials – Do you need a book or full-text article not available in one of the KYVL's databases? KYVL supports Kentucky libraries with delivery of the materials you need to a library near you. See your local library's Interlibrary Loan Librarian for details. KYVU students should go to their home institutions libraries for this service.

How to do Research Tutorial – Learn how to use the Internet to conduct effective research, improve your information literacy skills, learn how to cite sources, and much more. This self-paced tutorial includes quizzes so you can measure your progress.

Digitized Historic Materials Collection – The Kentuckiana Digital Library provides a searchable database of finding aids, photographs, diaries, letters, and more from special collections and archives in libraries across Kentucky. Check out the site, where you can hear former governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler being interviewed on Jackie Robinson's historic step into major league baseball.

Virtual Reference Desk – The best Web information resources available are found at KYVL's Virtual Reference Desk, including almanacs, dictionaries, telephone directories, statistical sources, homework helpers, book reviews, and more. KYVL provides selected annotated links to Web sites in all subject areas.

Kentucky Stats – KYVL links to Web sites that provide statistical information about the state of Kentucky.

What you need to use the Kentucky Virtual Library –

- A computer with Internet access – Available in all Kentucky public libraries at no charge
- Web Browser–Netscape 4.08 or higher, Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher, or AOL 4.1 or higher
- RealPlayer
- Adobe Acrobat Reader

Need More Information?

Visit www.kyvl.org or call toll-free at 877-588-5288 and speak with a member of the KYVL staff.

Note: use of password-protected resources is restricted to Kentucky citizens. Obtain an ID and password from the library that you use most often to gain access to password-protected resources.

QUICK FACT:

From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, the Kentucky Virtual Library's collection of databases was searched 11,059,043 times. This equals, on average, 921,587 searches per month, 30,299 searches per day, and 1,262 searches per hour, every hour!

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